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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

This is responsive to the Official Action mailed June 18, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A skin preparation comprising a lamellar structure comprising one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) as a main component, and one or more of vitamin A and derivative(s) thereof.

Sub D1
2. (Amended) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, which comprises a lamellar structure prepared from an oil phase mixture containing said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s) and said one or more of vitamin A and derivative(s) thereof.

3. (Amended) The skin preparation according to Claim 1, wherein said one or more of vitamin A and derivative(s) thereof is contained within or covered with the lamellar structure composed mainly of said one or more fatty acid monoglyceride(s).

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